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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 1935

DIVISION OF REGISTRATION

DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL SERVICE AND REGISTRATION



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State House, Boston, Mass., December 11, 1935.

TO JAMES J. SUGHRUE, *Director of Registration*:—

SIR:—In compliance with statutory requirements, the Board of Dental Examiners has the privilege and the honor of submitting to you its forty-ninth annual report for the year ending November 30, 1935.

### MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

The members of the Board are Dr. Frederick A. Keyes, Chairman, Boston; Dr. Francis M. Cahill, Secretary, Worcester; Dr. Frank J. Fitz-Gibbon, Holyoke; Dr. M. Francis Hinds, New Bedford; Dr. William H. Canavan, Boston.

### RETIREMENTS AND APPOINTMENTS

Dr. William H. Canavan of Boston was nominated by His Excellency Governor James M. Curley, April 17, 1935, and confirmed by the Executive Council, April 24, 1935, to succeed Dr. Charles E. B. Chase of Framingham whose term expired.

### ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Board of Dental Examiners was held in the State House, Boston, on December 12, 1934. Dr. Frederick A. Keyes was elected Chairman and Dr. Francis M. Cahill, Secretary of the Board.

One hundred fifteen investigations were made in regard to alleged violation of the dental laws.

Four dentists had their licenses suspended for violating Chapter 112 of the General Laws.

### NEW DENTAL LEGISLATION

The Secretary presented a bill to the General Court, amending Section 5 of Chapter 112 of the General Laws to read thus:

SECTION 50. Any person who owns or carries on a dental practice or business, or who, by himself, his servants or agents, or by contract with others takes any impression of the human teeth or jaws, or performs any operation or makes examination, with the intention of performing or causing to be performed any operation on the human teeth or jaws or who describes himself by the word "dentist" or like word, or the letters "D. D. S." or other like letters or other like title in connection with his name, or who advertises by sign, card, circular, pamphlet or newspaper, or otherwise indicates that he by contract with others, or by himself, his servants or agents, will take any impression of the human teeth or jaws or perform any operation or make examination, with the intention of performing or causing to be performed any operation on the human teeth or jaws, shall be deemed to be practicing dentistry within the meaning of sections forty-three to fifty-three, inclusive, and section sixty-five.

This bill was passed by the General Court and signed by His Excellency Governor James M. Curley.

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

The Board eliminated the Gold Foil Filling requirement and substituted a more comprehensive practical examination. It may be here remarked that this change has met with almost universal approval on the part of dental educators.

The Board eliminated all reciprocal examinations.

The Board also requested that all Class A dental schools include in their curriculum "a practical and thorough course in first-aid treatments."

The Board also notified the Civil Service Commissioner what it believed the dental requirements should be for a Civil Service candidate.

The Board with the aid of its State Police Officer, William H. Delay, made a very thorough investigation of all the practicing dentists and hygienists in the State, and as a result the annual registration this year was the best it has ever been.

## DATES OF, AND PLACES WHERE EXAMINATIONS WERE HELD

The Board held its examinations for candidates for registration in dentistry and for registration as dental hygienists on June 12, 13, 14 and 15. The practical examinations for dental candidates were held at Tufts and Harvard Dental Schools, and for hygienists at the Forsyth Dental Infirmary. The theoretical examinations for all candidates were held at the State House. At this time the Board wishes to publicly thank these three institutions for their cooperation.

The Board also at this time wishes to express its appreciation for the courtesy and cooperation it has received from the Attorney General's office and the Department of Public Safety. It also wishes to especially thank Assistant-Attorney General, Maurice E. Goldman, and State Police Officer, William H. Delay.

## EXAMINATIONS FOR REGISTRATION IN DENTISTRY

	June
Passed .....	55
Rejected .....	2
Total .....	57
Total number of applications received .....	58
Number examined .....	57
Number passed .....	55
Number rejected .....	2
Number of applications refused .....	1

## EXAMINATIONS FOR REGISTRATION AS DENTAL HYGIENISTS

	June
Passed .....	44
Rejected .....	0
Total .....	44
Total number of applications received .....	44
Number examined .....	44

Number passed .....	44
Number rejected .....	0
Interne registration certificates issued .....	29
New certificates issued .....	2
Duplicate certificates issued .....	7
Hygienists' certificates amended .....	9
Certified statements issued .....	85

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

### *Revenues*

Fees received from applicants, duplicate certificates and certified statements .....	\$2,032.15
Fees received from annual registration .....	6,696.00
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Total paid into Treasury of the Commonwealth, November 30, 1935	\$8,728.15

### *Expenses*

Salaries of Board .....	\$3,800.00
Travel .....	957.35
Office expenditures .....	1,329.53
Enforcement of Law .....	1,574.69
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	\$7,661.57

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERICK A. KEYES, D. M. D., L. L. D., *Chairman.*

FRANCIS M. CAHILL, D. M. D., *Secretary.*